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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM MARTIN

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To authority to:

President has directed that **most urgent action be taken** to improve US communications facilities particularly in American

Republics area. Numerous and serious communications shortcomings encountered last several days prior President's statement on Cuba demonstrate unequivocal, immediate, and continuous need for effective overt US Govt-controlled radio communications system with facilities in each ARA country.

Request you immediately seek from Pommin, or higher level, oral agreement in principle to necessity for such radio communications system (in light its crucial importance to hemispheric cooperation and defense) and willingness of Govt to which you accredited to explore with us immediately means for putting it into effect. FYI. If necessary, pursuant to recently enacted legislation US Govt prepared consider granting radio operations privileges in Washington, D.C.

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